**Latest Round-ups:**

**#25**

**Season 2021/22**

**Midweek Action:** An incredible comeback by **Bristol Telephones** was the standout result of the midweek schedule, with their four-goal blitz helping them secure a 4-3 win away at **Almondsbury**. The First Division strugglers were 3-1 down after 65 minutes following goals from Joe White, Ashley Knight and Isaac Flynn, before they produced a late fightback to stun their hosts. Jacob Saunders struck twice, adding to goals from Jack Jones and Connor Flicker, with their stoppage time winner handing them their first three points in over two months. Elsewhere on Tuesday, Rob Latham’s lone goal helped **Portishead** defeat **Wells City** 1-0, while the game between **Gillingham** and **Cheddar** was abandoned early in the second half due to fog, with the game locked at 1-1. There was also an abandonment in the Premier Division clash between **Street** and **Shepton Mallet** on Wednesday following an unfortunate injury to Cobblers’ star Jordan Lovibond. The Les Phillips Cup also got underway on Tuesday, with **Warminster**’s Seth Wain and Conner McKay each notching a goal in their 2-0 victory away at **Devizes**.

**Premier Division: Tavistock** narrowly avoided suffering their first league defeat since early September, striking in stoppage time to secure a 2-2 draw away at **Wellington**. Having gone ahead at the end of the first half following a thumping header from Tom Stone, the home side looked set to pick up all three points when Sam Towler made it 2-0 from the spot with 13 minutes left on the clock. However, the league leaders were never completely out of the game, and they set up a dramatic finish when Josh Grant pulled a goal back five minutes from time. Then, with the final attack of the game, the ball fell at the feet of the Western League’s leading marksman, and Liam Prynn finished with aplomb to preserve the Lambs long unbeaten run. **Exmouth Town** maintained Devon’s stranglehold over the top two positions in the league after beating **Keynsham**2-1. Goals either side of the interval from Jordan Harris and Aaron Denny proved to be enough for the hosts, with Cal Baker scoring a consolation for ten-man Keynsham as the game headed into the final 15 minutes. In the major shock of the afternoon, 18th placed **Ashton & Backwell United**defeated **Mousehole**by one goal to nil at the Lancer Scott Stadium. The crucial goal came after 35 minutes through Sam Price, with the hosts doing enough to maintain their lead, extending their unbeaten home run to four matches.

**Action from Wellington’s 2-2 draw with Tavistock.**

In another surprising outcome, Dan Winstone’s lone goal was enough for **Cadbury Heath** to see off the challenge of **Saltash United**. Following a couple of close defeats to start 2022, the Heath finally got their first victory of the calendar year thanks to Winstone’s strike midway through the second half. In the game of the day, **Clevedon Town** just about stayed out in front, gaining a 4-2 victory away at **Buckland Athletic**. Ollie Babington was integral in Clevedon’s strong start to the game, and after rifling home from long range to break the deadlock, Babington then turned provider, playing the ball through for Elliot Nicholson who beat two defenders before slotting home for 2-0. Owen Price’s header got Buckland back into the game ten minutes after the break, before Town quickly moved back into a two-goal lead when Archie Ferris struck from close range. Another comeback was threatened by the hosts when Josh Webber scored their second, but that was as close as they got, with Clevedon wrapping up all three points thanks to Alex Kemlsey’s goal 20 minutes from time. Clevedon weren’t the only visiting side to enjoy success on Saturday afternoon, with a trio of other sides winning on their travels. The most one-sided victory came at **Bridport**, with the bottom-side conceding six unanswered goals in their loss to **Shepton Mallet**. The game was pretty much put to bed inside the opening 20 minutes, with Joe Morgan, Nick Hewlett and Nathan Legge all finding the back of the net during the opening stages. Morgan will take home much of the plaudits after scoring twice during the second half to complete a hat-trick, with Jake Sloggett scoring his first for the club to complete the scoring. **Bridgwater**’s slim 1-0 victory away at **Helston** helped them move up into third spot. Following their heartbreak in the cup last weekend, Bridgy made amends instantly, taking the lead after just eight minutes thanks to a Jack Taylor spot kick. The other major flashpoint came just before the hour mark, with both sides reduced to ten men following a minor fracas, but United held their nerve to secure the victory. Harry Stevens’ brace helped **Ilfracombe Town** win 3-1 away at **Street** (pictured left, courtesy of John Pool), while the clash between **Millbrook** and **Bitton** ended goalless.

**First Division:** **Sherborne Town** are the new leaders of the First Division after storming to a 7-1 win at home to **Bishops Lydeard**. The Zebras are the top scorers in the division so far this season, but their latest victory came thanks to a comeback after they surprisingly fell behind in the 26th minute. The second half was a completely different affair, with Matty Brown equalising soon after the interval before the floodgates opened in the final 25 minutes. Ollie Hebbard was the main beneficiary of Lydeard’s collapse, notching a hat-trick, with Josh Williams, Alex Murphy and Anthony Herrin joining him on the scoresheet during a rampant finish the contest. **Warminster**are also up a spot, now sitting in second after they defeated **Bishop Sutton** 5-0 at Weymouth Street. After Martin Johnson broke the deadlock thanks to a front post headed effort, Warminster scored twice more in the following couple of minutes through Owen Bartley and Jakob Seviour. The pressure was off somewhat during the second half, with Jack Miluk making it 4-0, before he then crossed for Lewis Graham who completed the scoring with a headed finish.

For the first time in months, **Welton** have been knocked off of top spot after they suffered a 2-0 defeat at the hands of **Lebeq**. Rovers have really struggled of late, and they were unable to break down their hosts, meaning a goal in either half from Sacha Tong was enough to lead Lebeq to maximum points. Eight goals were shared in the clash at Shellards Road, where Adam Wright’s hat-trick helped **Wells** secure an unlikely point. Having twice taken the lead during the first half, City were pegged back by **Longwell Green Sports** who made it 2-2 at the interval thanks to a pair of close-range finishes from Rob Belcher and Liam Oswin. The home side then took control of the contest, and moved 4-2 ahead thanks to efforts from Zac Cheetham and Kyle Box, before disaster struck in the closing stages. After conceding a third to their now ten-man visitors, Longwell Green then gave away a stoppage time penalty which was tucked home to help Wells secure the most-unlikely of draws.

**Lebeq celebrate one of Sacha Tong’s goals in their 2-0 victory over Welton, courtesy of Mark Pile.**

**Bristol Telephones**backed-up their entertaining midweek victory with a 3-2 win over **Cheddar**, handing their hosts a rare home defeat. First half goals from Jack Jones and Ed Searle put the Phones two goals to the good, before an own goal in the 36th minute give the Cheesemen a foothold in the contest. Archie Dark’s penalty put the Phones back in control, and they held on for the victory despite Rick Bennett scoring from the spot for Cheddar. The other winners away from home were **Radstock Town**, with James Rustell, Rico Sobers and right-back Simon Millard all on target during their 4-1 triumph over bottom-side **Devizes**. A first home win in over three months will have been a huge sigh of relief for **Hengrove**, with Pete Sheppard playing a starring role in their 3-1 victory over **Almondsbury**. The fifth minute opener from Danny Dodimead gave Hengrove a dream start, but they were soon back on level terms when Joe White levelled for the visitors. Sheppard then produced a strong finish to make it 2-1, before the same man was fouled in the visitors box, allowing Luke Crewe to convert the resulting penalty. In a hard-fought mid-table clash, Matty Howell’s goal helped **Gillingham Town** secure a 1-1 draw at home to **AEK Boco**.

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The latest episode of the podcast includes an interview with Mousehole’s Jake Ash, who explains why he’s found the Western League so relentless this season, despite their lofty league position. Odd Down Assistant Manager, Jason Maggs, also joins the show to talk about the rebuilding project his side have undertaken, and why he believes this is the time in the season when the cream rises to the top.

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**Recent Results**

**Tuesday 18thJanuary 2022**

**First Division**

Almondsbury  3-4   Bristol Telephones 52

Gillingham Town A-A Cheddar 38

Portishead Town 1-0 Wells City 63

**Les Phillips Cup Preliminary Round**

Devizes Town  0-2   Warminster Town 88

**Wednesday 19th January 2022**

**Premier Division**

Street  A-A   Shepton Mallet

**Saturday 22ndJanuary 2022**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United  1-0   Mousehole 85

Bridport 0-6 Shepton Mallet 101

Buckland Athletic 2-4 Clevedon Town 138

Cadbury Heath 1-0 Saltash United 58

Exmouth Town 2-1 Keynsham Town 256

Helston Athletic 0-1 Bridgwater United 170

Millbrook 0-0 Bitton

Street 1-3 Ilfracombe Town 110

Wellington 2-2 Tavistock 101

**First Division**

Cheddar  2-3   Bristol Telephones 47

Devizes Town 1-4 Radstock Town 123

Gillingham Town 1-1 AEK Boco 46

Hengrove Athletic 3-1 Almondsbury 54

Lebeq United 2-0 Welton Rovers 74

Longwell Green Sports 4-4 Wells City 273

Sherborne Town 7-1 Bishops Lydeard 100

Warminster Town 5-0 Bishop Sutton 146

**Leading Goalscorers**

**Premier Division First Division**

Liam Prynn (Tavistock) – 29 Oaklan Buck (Bishop Sutton) – 23 Dean Griffiths (Bitton) – 24 Luke Bryan (Odd Down) - 22

Jack Taylor (Bridgwater) – 21 Bailey Croome (Tytherington) - 18

Jordan Harris (Exmouth) – 21 Cameron Brown (Lebeq) – 17

Rikki Sheppard (Millbrook) – 16 Jake Slocombe (Welton) – 16

**Upcoming Fixtures**

**Tuesday 25thJanuary 2022**

**Les Phillips Cup**

Shepton Mallet vs  Bishop Sutton 19:30KO

Street vs Sherborne Town 19:30KO

Ilfracombe Town vs Buckland Athletic 19:45KO

**First Division**

Almondsbury  vs  Tytherington Rocks 19:30KO

Portishead Town vs Lebeq United 19:30KO

Wells City vs Wincanton Town 19:30KO

**Wednesday 26th January 2022**

**First Division**

Bristol Telephones vs  Hengrove Athletic 19:45KO

Radstock Town vs Welton Rovers 19:30KO

**Friday 28th January 2022**

**First Division**

Lebeq United vs  Odd Down 19:30KO

**Saturday 29th January 2022 (3pm kick-off unless noted)**

**Premier Division**

Ashton & Backwell United  vs  Clevedon Town

Bitton vs Exmouth Town

Brislington vs Bridport

Ilfracombe Town vs Helston Athletic

Keynsham Town vs Tavistock

Millbrook vs Street

Mousehole vs Buckland Athletic

Wellington vs Shepton Mallet

**First Division**

AEK Boco  vs  Bishops Lydeard

Almondsbury vs Oldland Abbotonians

Bishop Sutton vs Gillingham Town

Bristol Telephones vs Warminster Town

Radstock Town vs Cheddar

Tytherington Rocks vs Longwell Green Sports

Wells City vs Devizes Town

Welton Rovers vs Sherborne Town

Wincanton Town vs Portishead Town

**League Tables**

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|  | PREMIER DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Tavistock** | 25 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 41 | **56** |
| 2 | **Exmouth Town** | 22 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 36 | **44** |
| 3 | **Bridgwater United** | 23 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 25 | **42** |
| 4 | **Mousehole** | 20 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 24 | **41** |
| 5 | **Bitton** | 23 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 12 | **40** |
| 6 | **Ilfracombe Town** | 22 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 12 | **40** |
| 7 | **Helston Athletic** | 21 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 17 | **37** |
| 8 | **Shepton Mallet** | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 28 | **36** |
| 9 | **Buckland Athletic** | 23 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 11 | **35** |
| 10 | **Saltash United** | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 14 | **34** |
| 11 | **Keynsham Town** | 23 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 5 | **34** |
| 12 | **Millbrook** | 23 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 15 | **33** |
| 13 | **Clevedon Town** | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 | **29** |
| 14 | **Wellington** | 21 | 6 | 6 | 9 | -10 | **24** |
| 15 | **Brislington** | 22 | 7 | 3 | 12 | -36 | **24** |
| 16 | **Cadbury Heath** | 26 | 6 | 2 | 18 | -32 | **20** |
| 17 | **Street** | 21 | 5 | 2 | 14 | -23 | **17** |
| 18 | **Ashton & Backwell United** | 23 | 4 | 3 | 16 | -29 | **15** |
| 19 | **Bridport** | 26 | 1 | 0 | 25 | -119 | **3** |

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|  | FIRST DIVISION | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | GD | Points |
| 1 | **Sherborne Town** | 25 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 47 | **54** |
| 2 | **Warminster Town** | 25 | 16 | 5 | 4 | 28 | **53** |
| 3 | **Welton Rovers** | 24 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 28 | **53** |
| 4 | **Radstock Town** | 25 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 5 | **42** |
| 5 | **Odd Down** | 26 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 5 | **41** |
| 6 | **Wincanton Town** | 22 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 34 | **40** |
| 7 | **Cheddar** | 25 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 4 | **38** |
| 8 | **Oldland Abbotonians** | 23 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 1 | **35** |
| 9 | **Bishop Sutton** | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | -2 | **35** |
| 10 | **Lebeq United** | 25 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 1 | **34** |
| 11 | **Longwell Green Sports** | 27 | 9 | 7 | 11 | -4 | **34** |
| 12 | **AEK Boco** | 25 | 9 | 7 | 9 | -4 | **34** |
| 13 | **Gillingham Town** | 28 | 7 | 9 | 12 | -4 | **30** |
| 14 | **Wells City** | 24 | 7 | 8 | 9 | -7 | **29** |
| 15 | **Tytherington Rocks** | 24 | 7 | 7 | 10 | -10 | **28** |
| 16 | **Hengrove Athletic** | 26 | 7 | 7 | 12 | -15 | **28** |
| 17 | **Portishead Town** | 24 | 9 | 3 | 12 | -1 | **27\*** |
| 18 | **Almondsbury** | 23 | 8 | 1 | 14 | -15 | **25** |
| 19 | **Bristol Telephones** | 22 | 7 | 2 | 13 | -15 | **23** |
| 20 | **Bishops Lydeard** | 22 | 5 | 5 | 12 | -18 | **20** |
| 21 | **Devizes Town** | 25 | 4 | 2 | 19 | -58 | **14** |